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Thousands marched and thousands watched as Edmonton came out on Wednesday to say goodbye to Const. Daniel Woodall. Coverage in **metroNEWS**. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Education funds flow

POST-SECONDARY
NDP rolls back 'market-modifier' tuition hikes

 **Helen Pike**
Metro | Calgary

The NDP government is offering an olive branch to both post-secondary students and institutions with a host of new spending in its interim-funding supply bill. The implications of Bill 3 will include a two-year tuition freeze and a two per cent increase in funding to the province's universities and colleges, Metro has learned.

That's in addition to cancelling the 1.4 per cent funding reduction in the former PC government's spring budget that was never approved. So-called "market-modifier"

tuition hikes that had been approved will also be rolled back, with an additional \$22 million in funding to make up for the lost revenue in post-secondary institutions' budgets.

Students applauded the moves. "We're glad to see the current government is staying in line with its platform promises," said Romy Garrido, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students.

"I think that it's great that they're understanding we've been chronically underfunded," said University of Calgary Students' Union president Levi Nilson.

The opposition Wildrose, however, had a different take. "Asking taxpayers to pick up tens of millions of dollars in new spending during a time of financial uncertainty is irresponsible," advanced education critic Wes Taylor said in an email to Metro.

"We believe capping standard tuition rates at the rate of inflation is moderate and protects students from being nickel-and-dimed."

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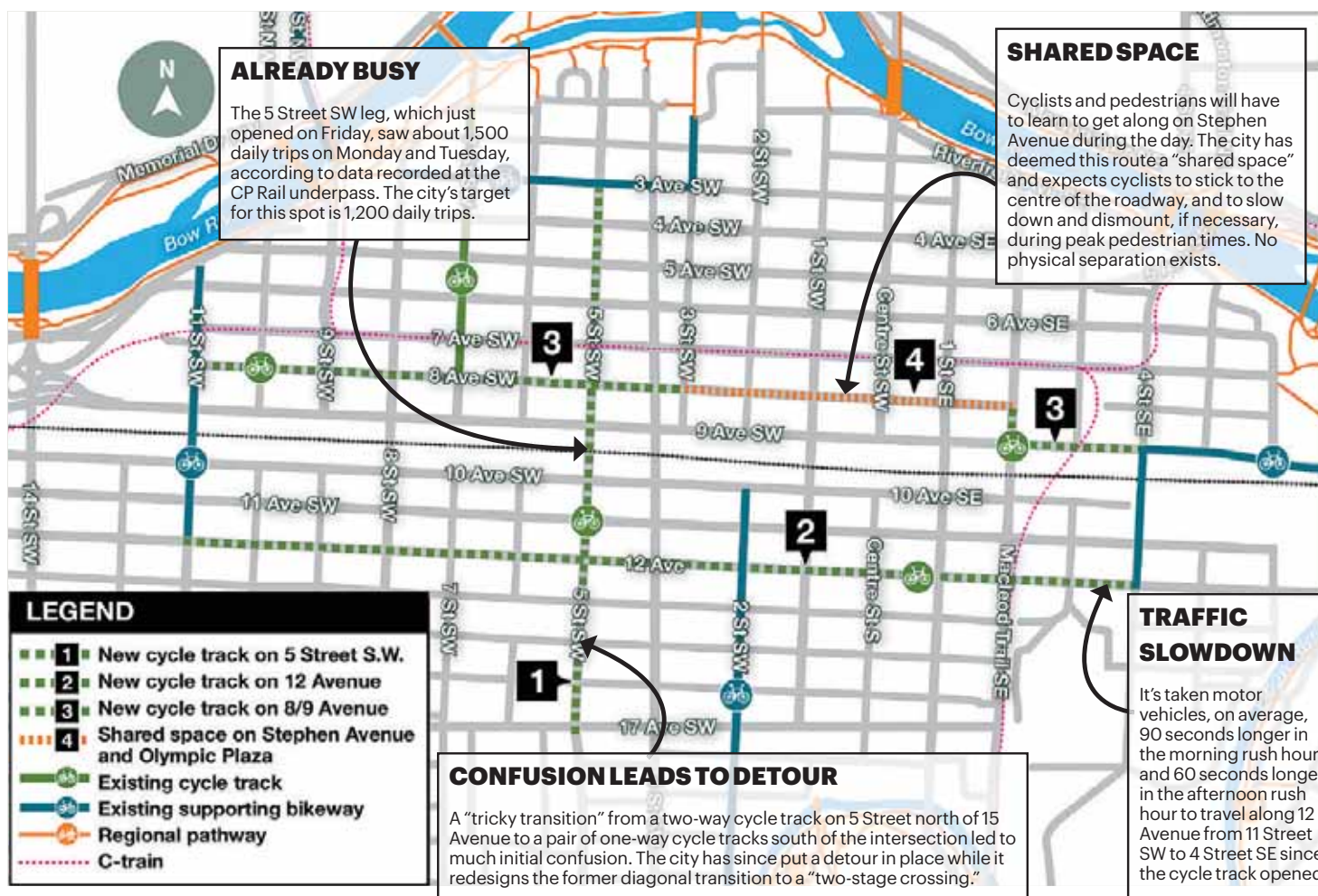
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Cyclists can now ride all the way from Shaw Millennium Park to East Village and from Eau Claire to 17th Avenue in their own dedicated lanes, separate from motor-vehicle traffic.

The final leg of Calgary's full Centre City Cycle Track Network — which runs along 8 Avenue SW, Stephen Avenue and 9 Avenue SE — opened Thursday morning, bringing the project in ahead of schedule and well under budget.

The city had pledged to open the network by the end of June, at a maximum cost of \$7.1 million.

Now, the total price tag is estimated at \$5.75 million, including construction, monitoring, the "bicycle ambassadors" helping people learn the new traffic rules, as well as anticipated maintenance and snow-clearing costs.

"It includes everything we can foresee all the way through to December 2016 when this will be ultimately evaluated," transportation planning director Don Mulligan said of the pilot project.

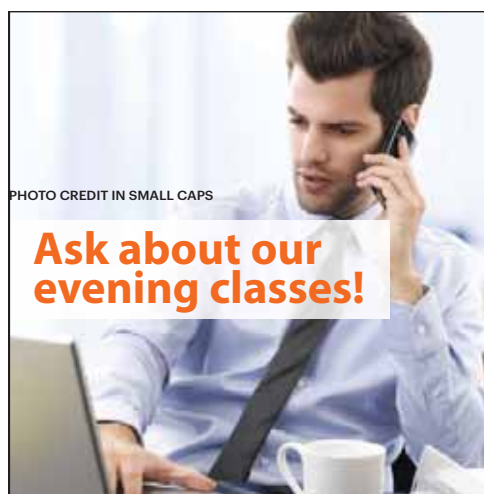


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Shaw Charity Classic sponsorship extended

Shaw Communications announced yesterday they will continue as the title sponsor of the Shaw Charity Classic golf tournament for two more years.

The renowned tournament is known for its record fundraising for youth-based charities in Alberta.

Brad Shaw, CEO of Shaw Communications, said he was pleased to extend support for a tournament supporting children in Alberta communities.

"The Shaw Charity Classic has been a tremendous success, both as a must-attend social event in Calgary, but most importantly, as a platform to support fantastic charitable organizations across southern Alberta," he said.

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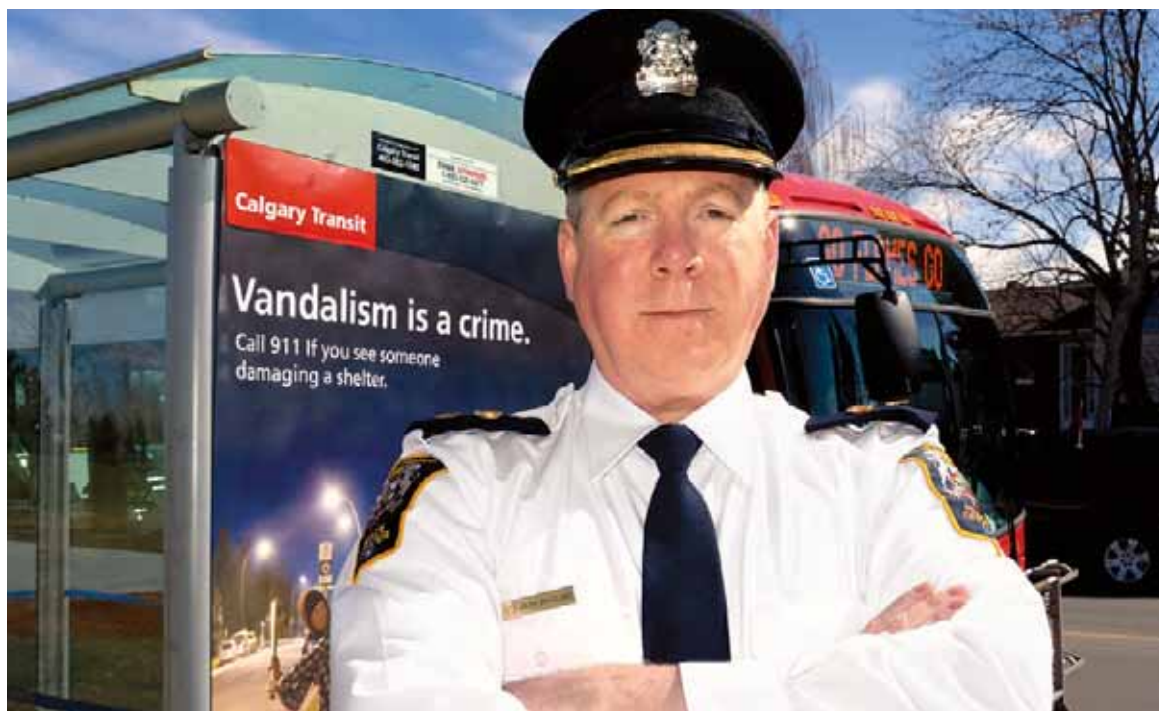
Diabetes key culprit in Aboriginal stillbirths

First Nations mothers are 70 per cent more likely to deliver a stillborn child than other populations, and new research from the University of Alberta points to a high rate of diabetes in the indigenous population as a key culprit.

But beyond that higher rate of diabetes — which is 2.7:1 that of non-aboriginal people in Alberta — researchers with the Reduce Aboriginal Incidence of Diabetes (BRAID) research group say there are also bigger issues at play.

Richard Oster, a senior research co-ordinator with the group, said anecdotally it's known that aboriginal women tend to come in less often and later during their pregnancies. "They're worried about being discriminated against," he said.

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Calgary Transit's Brian Whitelaw stands in front of a bus shelter in the city's northeast. Last year 40 per cent of shelters were smashed by vandals. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Calgary Transit sees improvement

VANDALISM

More damage reported after campaign, says safety official

After a rough start, Calgary Transit's bus shelter vandalism awareness campaign seems to be a smash hit with neighbourhoods.

Brian Whitelaw, transit's public safety and enforcement co-ordinator, said Calgarians have been heeding the call to report suspicious activity around bus

shelters, which has led to numerous arrests.

"Since we did the campaign we've had a lot of Calgarians call us and give us very good information," Whitelaw said. "When they see vandalism occurring, they're reporting it, which is significant."

Since the project launched in late April, Whitelaw said six arrests have been made. That compares to about two to three in a typical year.

Many of those arrested so far have been under the age of 18, so their identities and detailed information on their arrests won't

"We've had a lot of Calgarians call us and give us very good information."

Brian Whitelaw

be made public.

The arrests came after what Whitelaw described as a discouraging vandalism spree during the first week following the program's launch, in which 35 shelters were hit. Authorities have little information about

the perpetrators in that case, which is still ongoing.

Whitelaw said there will be a Crime Stoppers reenactment soon to help jog the public's memory in an effort to find the suspects. He added Calgary Transit is still looking into methods to cut down on shelter smashes such as installing cameras, or changing the material used, but said those ideas are still in the early stages.

Because of the random nature of bus shelter attack, he said the city is being cautious in any potential new spending.

HELEN PIKE/METRO

POLITICS

NDP faces sales tax question

As Jack Mintz puts it, there was an unspoken rule during the recent Alberta election campaign when it came to the idea of a sales tax in the province.

"Nobody wanted to touch it," he said.

True to form, as the Alberta legislature convened Tuesday for the first sitting of Premier Rachel Notley's NDP government — the first breeze of change in ideology to blow through the house in some 44 years — the first question she faced was about a sales tax.

Her answer was swift, unequivocal and totally in keeping with what has come before: the NDP won't introduce a sales tax.

Instead, as outlined in Notley's throne speech, the major break with the past to raise revenues for the still-pressing \$7 billion shortfall created by plummeting oil prices will come from incremental increases to corporate taxes and to wealthy Albertans.

But while popular among her base, and despite polls showing a majority of Albertans not wanting a sales tax, critics say Notley's missing an opportunity to make tax changes that allow for smooth sailing ahead.

"I think the NDP are backing themselves into the corner," said Mintz, chair of the School of Public Policy at the University of Calgary, and an outspoken proponent of a harmonized sales tax.

"They want to spend more money and are reversing restraint, but revenues are plummeting and they're not going to make as much on the corporate increases as they think. You're going to have multi-billion dollar deficits in the end."

On Wednesday, opposition Progressive Conservative finance critic Manmeet Bhullar told Alberta's new finance minister, Joe Ceci, that the changes will drive wealthy Albertans away or compel them to file their taxes in another jurisdiction.

"If those tax filers move to British Columbia or move to Ontario, who is going to make up the difference?" Bhullar said.

"Is it hard-working Alberta families that have to make up for your short-sightedness?"

Ceci told the legislature Wednesday the tax changes will be fair and will affect only seven per cent of tax filers.

"I don't want to see one person leave this province," he said. "They get good value from all the programs and services, and they'll continue to stay here."

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CRIME

Police make arrest in Maqsood Ahmed homicide



Calgary police have made an arrest in connection to the 2014 homicide of Maqsood Ahmed, a 55-year-old northeast shopkeeper stabbed to death outside of his store in front of a female employee.

The man was taken into custody without incident Wednesday, and will be identified once he sees a Justice of the Peace.

Police said at approximate-

ly 9:40 p.m., Ahmed and his employee were locking up his business at the 4700 block of Westwinds Drive NE, cash and receipts in hand, when he was approached and attacked by two men.

"It was a robbery, a planned robbery that went bad, and led to the murder of Mr. Maqsood," said Sgt. Colin Chisholm with the Calgary police. "We believe that they obviously had an idea of the cash that would be carried at a certain time."

Witnesses told Metro in October he chased after the sus-

"It was a robbery, a planned robbery that went bad."

Sgt. Colin Chisholm

pects, fought back and tried to retrieve his money. That's when he was stabbed.

Ahmed was transported to hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The female employee wasn't injured.

Chisholm said police haven't



Maqsood Ahmed. FACEBOOK

located the money, but did find the cash bag they believed was

in the middle of the fatal struggle in a search conducted last month.

Police said the investigation is still ongoing and they expect to make more arrests.

Chisholm added there are currently four suspects, two of whom were directly involved in the fatal stabbing, and two who could be facing charges related to conspiracy to commit robbery.

It is expected the charged individual, who is currently cooperating and being interviewed, will be named later today.



CBE superintendent of facilities Frank Coppinger addressed plans for future student growth Wednesday.

ANNA BROOKS/METRO NEWS

CBE awaits provincial green light

EDUCATION

New schools delayed while board seeks NDP go-ahead



Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Calgary Board of Education representatives said Wednesday they were anxiously awaiting confirmation the NDP government will go ahead with the construction of three new Calgary schools that were promised by the former PC government in May.

Frank Coppinger, superintendent of facilities and environmental services at the CBE, said the Prentice government days before the provincial election verbally confirmed full funding for three proposed schools: Martindale Middle School, Springbank Hill/Discovery Ridge Elementary/Middle School, and Silverado Elementary School.

Coppinger said the board is now looking for written confirmation from the NDP government. The schools were planned to open by September 2017.

"Our concern is confirma-

tion from the new government that all these schools and funding for them will proceed," Coppinger said.

He added the goal is to get operating capacity down to 80 per cent for Calgary schools, many of which are operating at 100 per cent.

"If they're not approved, the utilization will be well over 90 per cent and we'll be in a lot worse condition than we are today," Coppinger said.

Another concern is maintenance.

Over the next decade, Coppinger said 160 Calgary schools will be older than 50 years and some modular classrooms have already reached twice their lifespan.

Though the CBE receives \$21.8 million annually for maintenance,

Coppinger said it actually needs \$40 million — and that would not reduce the current deferred maintenance backlog of an estimated \$1 billion.

"That's a real concern," Coppinger said. "This is a tidal wave that's going to hit us in the next decade."

In a statement provided to Metro by the Ministry of Education, no specific answers were given about the status of these three proposed schools.

CRIME

Student implicated school board hacks

Police said all a 15-year-old student needed to hack the Calgary Board of Education's servers was a computer with an Internet connection.

Now, the student is facing multiple criminal charges for hacking into protected servers and accessing corporate and personal information not available to the public.

"This particular offence would not require a high degree of sophistication, I'll leave

it at that," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Jepson of the Calgary Police Service Electronic Surveillance Unit. "With respect to whether their security measures were adequate, I wouldn't want to comment on that, but it is important for individuals personally and organizations generally to understand cyber security."

He added the young man's parents were surprised and weren't aware of their son's activities.

Questions to the CBE on who was affected and what types of information suspects gained access to were deferred to Calgary Police Services, who then deferred questions back to the board.

"As a school system we are committed to providing our students and staff safe and secure digital environments," read an unsigned statement from the CBE. "The integrity and security of our data systems

is paramount and our information technology department continues to carefully monitor our systems."

This isn't the first time the CBE has had a privacy breach.

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Slain officer remembered as family man, jokester

CONST. DANIEL WOODALL

Mayor, police colleagues among speakers at memorial



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

In a Shaw Conference Centre filled with police officers, friends of Const. Daniel Woodall told stories about the man behind the badge who was killed in the line of duty last week.

"My first thoughts were that he looked like a 12-year-old in uniform," Dave Ainsworth joked about the first time he met Woodall, when he walked into a Manchester police station for his first day as an officer.

Ainsworth, who knew Woodall since the officer's time in Manchester, England, delivered one of several eulogies for him, bringing to a close a week of mourning for a city shocked by the violence that struck it last Monday.

Ainsworth told the officers assembled that he would miss Woodall's sense of humour even when his jokes were directed at him. Woodall mocked him relentlessly, he said, when he made the mistake of mentioning he liked the *Twilight* movie.

"He could hardly get his words out through laughing when he



Officers carry the casket of Const. Daniel Woodall to the stage at the Shaw Conference Centre. COURTESY EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE

asked me if I was Team Edward or Team Jacob," said Ainsworth. "I will miss your quick wit and terrible sense of humour and the fact the person laughing hardest at your jokes was always you."

New York police department officer Michael Catlin, who got to know Woodall at a police conference, read from a letter he wrote to Woodall's wife, Claire.

He said when he came to visit him in Edmonton he saw how

committed Woodall was to her and their children.

"I knew Dan the cop. I knew Dan the man and even though he spoke of you often that was the first time I saw Dan the husband and the father," he said.

Catlin told similar stories of being teased and joking with Woodall, and said he wanted people to know he was more than a brave cop.

Mayor Don Iveson saluted

all of the officers in the room, thanking them for their service.

"Our police go about their work every day, often taken for granted, and yet these women and men are some of our finest and bravest citizens," he said.

He said the blue ribbons and other signs of support showed Edmonton's true spirit.

"We embrace you. We have adopted you as family, because that's what Edmonton is all

about," he said.

Police Chief Rod Knecht said the entire community had felt Woodall's death, but nowhere more than in his family.

"The days have been ragged and emotional and for Dan's family and his many co-workers and squadmates I can tell you it has been devastating," he said.

He promised Woodall's wife she would always have a family here.

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Mayor Don Iveson

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Edmonton knew Dan the hero, but I also wanted you to know Dan my friend.

NYPD officer Michael Catlin

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We wished that last Monday never happened. We wished Dan Woodall was still alive.

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PARKING

Keeping the streets clean could cost you



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Temporary parking ban fines could soon cost Calgarians ignoring street sweeping signs a pretty penny.

The city's Transportation and Transit committee voted in favour of reviewing a bylaw amendment that would see parking fines issued during the

spring-cleaning sweep more than double from \$50 to \$120.

There was talk of creating a restriction in communities with voluntary parking bans, but also where some councillors have said residents often complain about the quality of street cleaning on their roads — as not many comply with the no parking push before sweepers come through.

"There are some areas within my ward which seem to abuse

the system to the limit," said Coun. Andre Chabot. "There's one area in particular where the community association president said he wants to rename the community, he wants to rename it to Albert Parking Lot instead of Albert Park because there's so many vehicles that remain on the street on an ongoing basis."

In the current model only 10 per cent of streets are affected under a full ban; they are the high volume streets targeted

to help make sweeping quick and effective. The remainder of Calgary streets are under a "voluntary" compliance ban.

In April, Calgary Parking Authority general manager Mike Derbyshire said the previous fine wasn't actually covering the cost of ticketing and towing.

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Brett Wilson, seen here speaking at a city-run event at Devonian Gardens in 2013, is putting the chance to pick his brain up for auction. But you can't bid with money — only time. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO FILE

Priceless prizes for volunteers

COMMUNITY

Volunteer hours work as bids in online 'Time Auction'



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary entrepreneur and philanthropist Brett Wilson is offering a chance to pick his brain to winners of an online auction that uses volunteer hours as currency instead of money.

He's one of more than 100 celebrities, thinkers, and other-

wise notable people — and the first from Alberta — that have participated in a what's been dubbed a "Time Auction," a concept co-created by Canadian software developer David Wen.

Wen developed the idea as a student at Queen's University after winning the opportunity to meet a co-founder of Tim Hortons and speak to him about entrepreneurship as part of a scholarship that was

only available to students who could prove they were dedicated volunteers.

"I thought that was a really cool alignment of the priceless work that people do when they volunteer with the priceless experience being offered," Wen said. "So I wanted to bring that sort of opportunity to other people, as well."

The result was Time Auction, which sees participants "bid" with volunteer hours they have accrued with various non-profit organizations, community associations, religious groups, and so on.

Bids must be accompanied by contact information for people who can vouch for the person's

volunteer work, Wen said, and Time Auction verifies all winning bids.

Wilson's auction has a "reserve" set of 300 hours in order for him to participate in a group Google Hangout with all bidders who offer up at least five volunteer hours of their time.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 140 hours had been bid. The auction runs until June 30 at timeauction.org.

“It's kind of leveraging their time to raise more time, and that's often a very interesting proposition to them.”

David Wen, co-founder of Time Auction, on how he gets celebrities involved



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CALGARY POLICE COMMISSION

Complaints against Calgary police rise

The Calgary Police Service has seen the number of citizen complaints and concerns filed against officers jump by more than 16 per cent since 2009.

In total, 1,125 formal complaints and concerns were filed in 2014, up from 963.

Rodney Fong, chair of the Calgary Police Commission (CPC), the civilian oversight body that monitors police, said he takes the complaints process seriously, but doesn't

consider the increase to be out of line.

"The nature of policing means there will always be some complaints," Fong said in a statement.

The number may also be reflective of Calgary's increase in population, as the city has grown by 12 per cent over the same period of time.

Shelly Jones, who filed a complaint in 2012 concerning the investigation around

the murder of her daughter, Lacey Jones McKnight, said she feels the process needs to become more open.

"These complaints need to be more transparent to the public so we can go online and see the various complaints that have been made against the Calgary police," she said, noting she feels it will help keep the police more accountable.

The CPC currently posts the number of complaints it has

received on an annual basis online, but details on specific complaints are limited.

Jones also said she feels there needs to be more support for those filing complaints, as she had to compile the majority of information around the complaint herself.

According to the CPC's 2014 civilian survey, 96 per cent of respondents said they were satisfied with the police service.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO



Const. Daniel Woodall, an eight-year veteran of the Edmonton police force, was killed on June 8. POLICE HANDOUT

Calgary officers help in Edmonton

CONST. DANIEL WOODALL

Counterparts able to attend funeral when CPS helps out

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Calgary

As Edmonton mourned the loss of Const. Daniel Woodall, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on June 8, hundreds of Calgary Police Service officers were in Edmonton Wednesday to pay their respects — and lend a helping hand.

While many CPS members were there to attend the funeral of the eight-year Edmonton Police Service veteran, others were taking on policing duties in Alberta's capital to allow more EPS members to attend the funeral, said a Calgary police spokesperson.

"We have hundreds of officers in Edmonton today in many capacities," said the spokesperson. "Some are attending the funeral, and others are helping EPS by taking on policing duties."

According to the CPS spokesperson, the officers covering for EPS were taking on routine policing duties and will be returning to Calgary on Thursday.

IN BRIEF

Alberta man charged in deaths of men from N.L.

A 36-year-old man from Leduc is scheduled to appear in court on July 30 to face charges in a head-on collision last winter that killed two men from Newfoundland and Labrador, and injured two others.

Harold May Jr. and Shawn Briffett, both 37, died Feb. 18 when the taxi van they were in collided with a pickup truck about three kilometres east of

the Edmonton International Airport.

A 35-year-old man who was thrown from the taxi was injured, while the 38-year-old taxi driver was taken to hospital with critical injuries.

Bobby Barlett, who was not hurt in the collision, faces charges of impaired driving causing death and bodily harm, as well as dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death and bodily harm.

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Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (Xhosa pronunciation: [no̞khele Mandela]; 18 July 1918 – 5 December 2013) was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was South Africa's first black chief executive, and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. **His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalized racism, poverty and inequality, and fostering racial reconciliation.** Politically an African nationalist and democratic socialist, he served as President of the African National Congress (ANC) party from 1991 to 1997. Internationally, Mandela was Secretary General of the Non-Aligned Movement from 1988 to 1999.

news release

Calgary Board of Education names northeast high school

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CALGARY – Nelson Mandela High School is the name approved by the CBE Board of Trustees for the new high school in Calgary's northeast.

Nelson Mandela (b. 1918 – d. 2013) was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, politician and philanthropist who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. **His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalized racism, poverty and inequality, and fostering racial reconciliation.** He won a Nobel Prize in 1993, was recognized for the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond

Highlighted are portions comparing identical sections of a Wikipedia article (top) and a recent CBE news release. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

A little too closely copied for comfort

EDUCATION

Calgary board uses sections of Wikipedia in news release



The Calgary Board of Education is apologizing after taking direct sentences from a Wikipedia page and including them in a recent CBE news release without proper attribution.

In Tuesday's news release naming a new school in northeast Calgary as Nelson Mandela High School, sections of the biographical information included on Mandela came directly from a Wikipedia article:

"His government focused on dismantling the legacy of apartheid by tackling institutionalized racism, poverty and inequality and fostering racial reconciliation," read both the board's release and the Wikipedia article.

The CBE has since acknowledged the issue.

"Regrettably a couple of the sentences used in the biographical paragraph on Nelson Mandela that was included in our new northeast high school news release were taken from Wikipedia without crediting that source," a board statement read.

"We will learn from this mistake and make the necessary changes to our processes to ensure this doesn't happen again."

“Generally speaking, it's good journalistic practice to quote sources.

Former journalism teacher Wayne Valteau

Wayne Valteau, a former English and journalism teacher at the board's Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School, said it might be a stretch calling the duplication "plagiarism".

He said plagiarism is typically employed to gain either com-

mercial or personal advantage.

"If this would constitute plagiarism, it would be a very small instance of it," Valteau said. "There's no monetary or prestigious advantage for CBE by using someone else's words."

But as a former journalism professor, Valteau did say those in charge of crafting news releases — according to last year's operating budget, CBE hosts more than 20 communications positions — might be more careful in the future.

"I would say the particular publicist probably ought to have been more sensible," Valteau said.

"Generally speaking, it's good journalistic practice to quote sources."

+ CBE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Here's what constitutes plagiarism, according to the board's student code of conduct:

- Direct duplication, by copying (or allowing to be copied) another person's work, from a book, article, website, another student's assignment, etc.



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- Paraphrasing of another person's work closely, making only minor changes to the wording but with the essential meaning, form or progression of ideas maintained.

- Piecing together sections of the others' work into a new whole.

- Sharing your work with another student.

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A portion of the funeral procession for slain police officer Const. Daniel Woodall in Edmonton on Wednesday. Woodall died on June 8 as he tried to serve an arrest warrant to Norman Raddatz, a man suspected of anti-Semitic bullying. THE CANADIAN PRESS/JASON FRANSON

Remembering a beloved colleague

DANIEL WOODALL

Officers mourn fallen comrade with tearful procession

As a funeral procession of thousands of officers from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States marched shoulder to shoulder through downtown Edmonton, the only sounds to be heard were the quiet sniffles of bystanders and a pulsing bass drum.

Thousands gathered along the procession's path Wednesday to pay respects to Const. Daniel Woodall.

For many of those who gathered, the event was deeply personal.

John MacPherson, a constable with the Ontario Provincial Police, watched from the sidelines on Jasper Avenue with his wife and three young children.

MacPherson was in the city visiting family but said he

regretted not having his uniform to join.

"It means a lot," he said, fighting back emotion.

"He's got two kids under five, he's the same age as me — that means stuff."

Emma Wood's husband, like Woodall, is originally from Manchester, in the U.K.

He was a colleague of Woodall's and marched in the procession.

"I'm here to support my husband, his colleagues, and

Const. Woodall's family," she said, crying.

Another man, whose son just finished his first year in police cadets, also felt overcome by the scene.

"I'm struggling with just holding back tearing up a little bit," said Rob, who declined to give his full name.

"The impact that he has, and the whole force has upon the community is really quite overwhelming."

MICHELLE FALK/METRO NEWS



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Rob, who declined to give his last name, an attendee of Const. Daniel Woodall's funeral

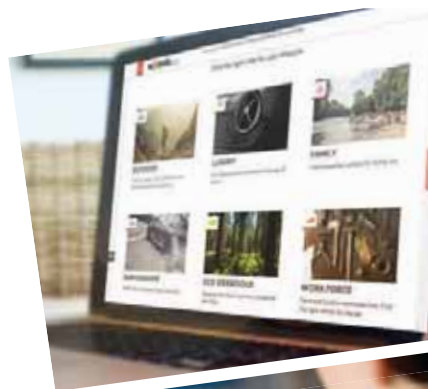


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Emma Wood, whose husband marched in Const. Daniel Woodall's funeral procession while she watched

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Albertans are still receiving Red Cross aid two years after June 2013's historic flood. CANADIAN PRESS FILE PHOTO

UPDATE

Flood victims still need aid: Red Cross

The Canadian Red Cross says it's still busy helping those affected by the flood in southern Alberta nearly two years ago.

It released a progress report Wednesday on the work done so far across the region.

Provincial director Jenn McManus said there's no one challenge that sticks out in her mind as most prevalent with their clients.

She says the Red Cross has spent \$36.2 million of the \$43.3 million raised, helping approximately 7,700 families.

McManus says there are some families that still need affordable, safe shelter, and there are many who still have high levels of emotional stress.

Flooding in June 2013 in Calgary and southern Alberta caused more than \$5 billion in

damage and has been called Canada's costliest disaster.

Four people died, nearly 75,000 were evacuated in Calgary and the entire town of High River was also forced out of their homes.

"There's emotional supports, we're still making referrals for clinical emotional supports to families and individuals, we're being asked to assist with mortgage and financial realities that are unfolding still, we're helping individuals and families navigate DRP and their insurance scenarios," McManus said.

She also said there's no one region where these problems exist, rather they span from downtown Calgary and High River to First Nations and Bow Valley communities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME

Scam artist sought

Calgary police are searching for a suspect believed to be involved in several scams involving a story about a locksmith.

Police said a man entered a coffee shop in the 1100 block of Kensington Road NW on May 17 and inquired about a catering event.

Staff asked the man for his information so the catering planner could call him, according to police.

The man told her he needed to get a business card from his nearby office and returned a short time later to tell the staff member he'd been locked out of his office.

The man asked the clerk for \$60 he claimed a locksmith was charging him to get back in.

The clerk gave him the money in exchange for his reading glasses and watch as collateral, but the man made off with the money and never returned.

Police said the man may be connected to six other similar incidents.

METRO

Feeling 'a sense of belonging'

COMMUNITY

Get ready to meet your neighbours this Saturday

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Calgary

In the summer of 2014, a year after many Calgary communities were devastated by floods, the City of Calgary planned the first ever YYC Neighbour Day to celebrate community spirit.

Last year, more than 40 communities participated, and numbers are steadily increasing this year with more than 70 communities across the city planning events for the second annual Neighbour Day this Saturday.

"It's really about giving everyone a sense of belonging," said Leslie Evans, executive director of the Federation of Calgary

Communities. "We want to define neighbour in a new way by giving people the opportunity to meet as many people in their communities as possible."

Evans said that communities across Calgary have organized a variety of events to celebrate Neighbour Day.

"In Beddington Heights they're launching a community library, and in Bridgeland they're hosting a pot-luck and carnival games," she said.

Communities like Glamorgan have taken Neighbour Day to new heights this year.

Teaming up with local schools and community groups, Glamorgan Community Association has spearheaded a new initiative called Paint the Pavement.

Students from St. Andrews and Glamorgan School were asked to draw pictures of what they thought represented their neighbourhood. Their pictures were then put together to create two road art installments that will be painted onto the pave-



We want to define neighbour in a new way.

Leslie Evans, Federation of Calgary Communities

ment outside of the schools on Saturday.

The goal for the paintings is to encourage people driving through the area to slow down.

"So many people have problems with people speeding through their school and playground zones," said Bonnie St. Pierre, general manager for the Glamorgan Community Association. "This is just a different way to try and achieve that."

St. Pierre said on top of their community initiative, they will also have fun activities throughout the day to entertain all members of their community including a pancake breakfast, beer gardens and games.



Bonnie St. Pierre and Sara Polzen from the Glamorgan Community Association show off their poster and T-shirts with the design for their Paint the Pavement initiative.

LUCIE EDWARDSON/FOR METRO

CRIME

Man accused in deaths of two seniors facing new unrelated charges

A man accused of murdering two Alberta seniors is facing new, unrelated charges.

Travis Vader was charged on June 13 with assault and failure to comply with an undertaking.

Vader is to stand trial next year, charged with first-degree murder in the 2010 deaths of Lyle and Marie McCann of St. Albert.

The couple's burned motorhome was discovered after they left for a holiday, and police believe they were killed although their bodies have never been found.

Vader was freed on bail in December but was re-arrested twice on charges that include assault and dangerous driving.

Earlier this year, he filed lawsuits against prosecutors and the RCMP claiming malicious prosecution. He alleges he was kept in custody on trumped-up charges until he could be charged with murdering the McCanns.

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DON MEREDITH

Senator had affair with me: Teenager

A Toronto-based senator, under investigation for workplace sexual harassment, is facing a new allegation that he had a sexual relationship with a teenager during the past two years.

Don Meredith, 50, has been a senator since 2010 and is also a Pentecostal pastor with the Praise Centre in Toronto.

The young woman, now 18, said she met Meredith at a church event in Ottawa two years ago. She said the relationship began with sexually explicit chats over Skype and Viber and progressed to physical intimacy, kissing and touching before she turned 18.

Meredith sent tweets to his followers on June 11, after a CIV report on the workplace sexual harassment allegations.

"A lion never loses sleep over the opinions of sheep," said the first tweet, accompanied by a photo of a male lion.

The Conservatives kicked Meredith from Senate caucus Wednesday. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Transport Minister Lisa Raitt. **SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Public gets say on plane noise

AIRPORTS

Residents under flight paths to be consulted

The federal government wants to give people living under flight paths the chance to have their voices heard over the din of passing aircraft.

Residents in affected communities will now be included in consultations and deliberations about shifting flight paths at major airports.

The new rules went into effect on Wednesday.

Transport Minister Lisa Raitt said she expects every airport in the country to follow the spirit and intent of the new rules when they make decisions about the routes planes fly, whether it's a change to flight paths to To-

ronto Pearson International, or to the smaller Billy Bishop Airport on Toronto Island.

"We expect that you're going to implement this protocol so we can avoid the disaster that has happened with the implementation of new flight routes in the Toronto Pearson area," Raitt told reporters in Ottawa.

She said many residents who live under those flight paths have been frustrated that their voices weren't heard when changes were made in the past.

Previously, airports only had to ask for input from anyone living within 10 nautical miles — about 18 kilometres — of an airport.

If anyone farther away had issues, there was little they could do, which has frustrated many residents affected by airport noise.

The federal government could only shift a flight path if there was a safety problem,

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Transport Minister Lisa Raitt

and Nav Canada, the private body charged with navigating all flights in Canadian airspace, didn't have to consult the public on changes, she said.

When Raitt was asked what would happen if airports didn't follow the new rules, she said residents should call her directly, "and we'll have a conversation with the airports."

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PUBLIC INDECENCY

Stripped of their travel rights

A brother and sister from Saskatchewan say they are "deeply sorry" for taking off their clothes on top of a sacred mountain in Malaysia.

Lindsey and Danielle Petersen have released a statement saying they did not mean offence and were unaware of the spiritual significance of Mount Kinabalu.

"The contents of our hearts and everything else that was laid bare during our summit experience were a reflection of the exuberance and joy we felt for our achievement of climbing the tallest peak in Southeast Asia," the statement says. "There was absolutely no ill intent."

They were among 10 foreigners who stripped and took photos on the mountain on May 30. A local official has said their behaviour was disrespectful and caused an earthquake a few days later that killed 18 climbers.

The Canadians, along with Dutch citizen Dylan Snel and British student Eleanor Hawkins, spent three days in jail before pleading guilty to public indecency. They were fined about \$1,600 each and deported.

The Petersens arrived back in Saskatchewan over the weekend. A person who answered the phone at their parents' home in Wood Mountain, southwest of Regina, declined comment.

Lindsey Petersen, a University



Lindsey Petersen, left, and Dutch national Dylan Snel arrive at court in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on June 12. **AFF/GETTY IMAGES**

of Regina engineering graduate, had detailed his travels in Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali, Indonesia, in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

"This is an experience that

we have learned from and will never forget," the siblings say in the statement, which ends with a quote from Mark Twain: "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society."

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Border security target on line

TRACKING

Feds may miss deadline for anti-terrorism system delivery

The Conservative government appears set to miss another target date for delivering a border tracking system that could stop homegrown terrorists from joining battles overseas.

And with just days left in the parliamentary calendar before a fall election, it is unclear when — or even if — the necessary legislative and regulatory changes will come.

Under the Canada-U.S. perimeter security pact, the federal government committed to begin collecting records of people leaving Canada on international flights as of June 30, 2014.

It missed that deadline and would not reveal a new date, saying only that information would be provided in due course.

However, a newly obtained internal briefing note shows federal agencies were eyeing October of this year for completion

of the project. The heavily censored May 2014 note, prepared for Citizenship and Immigration Canada's deputy minister, was released to The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

It now seems the government will almost certainly miss the revised implementation date, as the required legal and administrative changes remain to be done.

The House of Commons is expected to rise shortly and return some time after a fall general election.

The Canada Border Services Agency, which is leading the project, continues to consult with the federal privacy commissioner, partners and other interested parties on the initiative, said Pierre Deveau, a border agency spokesman.

A final assessment of the project's implications for the personal information of Canadians will be delivered to the privacy commissioner once the required legislation receives royal assent, "but consultations continue throughout the process," he said.

A federal report published last year said the government knew



Canadian border guards are silhouetted as they replace each other at an inspection booth at the Douglas border crossing on the Canada-U.S. border in Surrey, B.C., in 2009. The Conservative government appears set to miss another target date for delivering a border tracking system that could stop homegrown terrorists from joining battles overseas.

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of more than 130 individuals with Canadian connections who were abroad and suspected of supporting terror-related activities. It said the government was aware of about 80 such people who had returned to Canada.

A border services agency briefing note, released previously

under the access law, says information from the planned border tracking system could be provided to the RCMP and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

"This is of particular interest given the recent media attention on Canadians travelling abroad

to engage in terrorist activities."

Deveau said Canada and the United States "remain dedicated to the full implementation" of the project.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security did not immediately respond to questions.

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Expanded program could serve everyday purposes

Citizenship and Immigration says entry and exit information will provide hard data on an individual's presence in — or absence from — Canada. It plans to use the data in programs where residency and travel history are key, including permanent resident card renewals, grants of citizenship, temporary and permanent resident applications, and investigations into eligibility to hold a Canadian travel document.

Currently, the tracking system involves exchanging entry information collected at the Canada-U.S. land border. The data on entry to one country serves as a record of exit from the other. The first two phases of the program have been limited to foreign nationals and permanent residents of the countries, but not citizens of either. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man killed by runaway tiger

GEORGIA

Mauled after predator escapes zoo during floods

A tiger that broke loose after severe flooding at the Tbilisi Zoo mauled a man to death in the Georgian capital before being shot by police Wednesday, a day after officials said all the zoo's tigers had died.

Zoo director Zurab Gurielidze acknowledged he was to blame for releasing faulty information. He said new counts indicated a tiger cub and a hyena could still be on the loose. The city has re-

mained on edge, with runaway predators reportedly seen by some residents.

The Interior Ministry in the former Soviet republic said the tiger was hiding in an abandoned factory that had been turned into a construction market when he attacked the man. The victim, who worked in the market, later died of his wounds at a hospital.

"We entered the depot and, suddenly, a white tiger rushed out of an adjacent room and attacked one of the workers, jumping at his throat and mauling him," colleague Alexander Shavbulashvili told The Associated Press.

"We broke the window of another room to flee, and the sound of breaking glass must

have scared it and it ran away."

Police commandos rushed to the site and killed the tiger.

The zoo administration had said Tuesday that eight lions, all its seven tigers and at least two of its three jaguars and 12 of its 14 bears were killed in the flooding.

Georgia's Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili criticized zoo officials for providing false information and ordered the interior minister to personally oversee the count of how many animals have died and how many remain missing.

After the premier's statement, the zoo director acknowledged he was to blame for the misinformation.

On Tuesday evening, several hundred demonstrators gathered outside the main government building in Tbilisi in support of the zoo director and to protest what they suspect is a government attempt to pin all the blame on him.

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We had wrong information that there were no predators outside the zoo ... I take full responsibility for that.

Zoo director Zurab Gurielidze



RAMADAN MUSLIMS MARK START OF HOLY MONTH WITH FASTING AND PRAYERS

Palestinians walk near a traditional Ramadan lantern on Wednesday in Jebeliya refugee camp, in the northern Gaza Strip. Muslims around the world will mark the start of Ramadan on Thursday, or later in some countries, for a month of intense prayer, dawn-to-dusk fasting and nightly feasts. ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Shark victim Hunter Treschl, 16, of Colorado Springs, during an interview in hospital. NEW HANOVER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER/AP

‘It felt like a big fish’

NORTH CAROLINA

U.S. teen lost his arm in one of two attacks on Sunday

Hunter Treschl and his cousin were “playing around in the waves” at a North Carolina beach when he felt something bump into his left calf.

“I thought it felt like a big fish, and I started moving away,” Treschl said in a video released Tuesday night by the New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

“And then the shark bit my arm — off.”

The 16-year-old from Colorado Springs, Colorado, was one of two young people attacked by sharks in North Carolina on Sunday. Both he and 12-year-old Kiersten Yow of Asheboro survived, but with serious injuries.

Treschl’s left arm was amputated below the shoulder, ac-

cording to information released by the New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, where he is being treated.

He was in good condition Tuesday, hospital spokeswoman Martha Harlan said.

A little more than an hour before Treschl was attacked and about three kilometres away, Yow lost her left arm below the elbow and was injured in the leg.

Authorities do not know if they were attacked by the same shark.

Yow was in stable condition Tuesday at N.C. Children’s Hospital at the University of North Carolina, according to a statement from her parents, Brian and Laurie Yow.

“She has a long road to recovery that will include surgeries and rehabilitation, but her doctors at UNC expect she will keep her leg, and for that we are grateful,” they said, appealing for time to deal with the trauma privately.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Shark population is up all around U.S. shores

Federal wildlife protections are helping sharks rebound, but they aren’t the sole reason for the uptick in encounters between sharks and humans. Expanding human populations and growing use of beaches are major factors too, scientists say.

Recent shark attacks in North Carolina and Florida have made headlines as the summer beach-going season gets into gear. Such attacks have become more common in recent years — the Florida

Museum of Natural History’s International Shark Attack File says the number of shark attacks has grown in every decade since the 1970s.

Shark researcher George Burgess, who publishes the file, said this decade is almost certain to set a record for shark attacks.

“The fact of the matter is, while shark populations rebound and hopefully come to where they once were, the human population is rising every

year,” Burgess said. “We’re not rebounding, we’re just bounding.” Americans made 2.2 billion visits to beaches in 2010, up from 2 billion in 2001, according to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimate. A spokesman for the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association said the figure is likely still rising because of the improving economy.

Populations of some shark species have grown due in part to conservation efforts, such as

a U.S. law that prevented the hunting of great white sharks.

There were 72 shark attacks worldwide last year, three of them fatal, according to the International Shark Attack File. The deadliest recent year was 2011, when 13 of 79 attacks were fatal. “If shark populations do return to historic highs, then you know there will be the issue of co-existence,” said Greg Skomal, a scientist in Massachusetts.

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Carry-on bag changes scrapped

TRAVEL Global airline group hoped to impose new size restrictions

A global airline association said Wednesday that it was scrapping its recommendation to reduce the size of carry-on bags for air travellers after an "intense" response in North America.

The International Air Transportation Association (IATA), a Montreal-headquartered trade group whose members represent nearly 85 per cent of total air traffic, said it is cancelling its proposal after "significant concerns" were raised in North America.

"This is clearly an issue that is close to the heart of travellers. We need to get it right," IATA senior vice-president Tom Windmuller said.

The group recommended last week that airlines require carry-on bags to be 20 per cent smaller than what major U.S. carriers currently permit, saying that would allow for more space.

Two U.S. senators criticized the idea, saying it would require passengers to pay more and buy new luggage. A top U.S. airline group that includes the world's three largest air carriers — American, Delta and United — also formally came out against the proposal.

The current maximum carry-on size, depending on the air-

line, ranges from a length of 56 to 60 centimetres, a width of about 36 to 46 centimetres and a depth of 23 to 41 centimetres.

The airline groups suggested standardizing the permitted carry-on size to 55 by 34 centimetres and a depth of 19 centimetres.

IATA insisted that was merely a recommendation, not a requirement, as each airline decides the maximum size of carry-on luggage on its own.

When announcing the recommendation the group had said the smaller size would help avert the problem that travellers commonly face when a plane cabin runs out of storage space by the time all the passengers board.

Many international airlines already have agreed to adopt the proposed policy, including Air China, Azul, Pacific, China Southern, Emirates, Lufthansa and Qatar.

But Delta Air Lines came out against the proposal earlier this week.

"Delta has no plans to reduce the size allowance for carry-on bags, and we are concerned IATA called for a change without input from airlines," the Atlanta-based airline said in a statement Tuesday.

"Our focus and investment in the carry-on experience have been on installation of larger bins on domestic and international aircraft, and will continue to be on delivering the reliable bag service.

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Tom Windmuller, senior vice-president at IATA, holds up an example of the group's ideal size for passenger carry-on bags during the organization's annual general meeting in June. KERRY SHERIDAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

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Starbucks will close all of its La Boulange cafes by the end of September.

It bought the bakery chain in 2012 to address customer complaints about an uninspiring menu.

The company said there has been strong growth in food sales since the \$100 million acquisition three years ago, but that running the 23 La Boulange

restaurants, which are mostly found in San Francisco, is no longer sustainable.

Starbucks will also shutter two manufacturing plants that supplied La Boulange and an Evolution Fresh retail store in San Francisco.

La Boulange food will still be available at Starbucks in the U.S. and Canada.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON ELECTORAL REFORM



“For the first time, two of Canada’s three main national parties are about to run on a commitment to do away with the first-past-the-post voting system.”

The Liberal conversion to electoral reform is both a reflection of the party’s diminished circumstances in the House of Commons and — potentially — a watershed moment in Canadian electoral politics.

For the first time, two of Canada’s three main national parties — the NDP and the Liberals — are about to run on a commitment to do away with the first-past-the-post voting system to conduct federal elections.

They may not agree on the fine print. The New Democrats have long championed a mixed proportional system and the Liberals tend to be partial to a preferential ballot. But they are on the same general page.

On Tuesday, Justin Trudeau pledged to introduce a new voting system in time for the 2019 election.

The New Democrats have advocated a more proportional voting regimen for decades.

With the Green party on side, the blocks of a large parliamentary consensus on electoral reform are falling into place.

It took a change of heart on the Liberals’ part to bring that about.

Such a change would have been unthinkable back when the party, under Jean Chrétien, was riding high and reaping the benefits of the first-past-the-post system against a divided right.

Even after they lost power to Stephen Harper’s Conservatives a decade ago, the Liberals continued to believe that the normal swing of the pendulum would inevitably see them back in power.

Three lost elections later,

they are at least as likely to remain in third place as to form a government this fall.

Implicit in the party’s shift on electoral reform is a Liberal admission that the NDP’s competitive position is not a mere blip but rather a feature that it will have to adapt to.

In a three-way battle, the current winner-take-all system favours the Conservatives.

That conclusion is only belatedly dawning on Trudeau’s party.

It has been more than three decades since the Liberals last won a governing majority against a united Conservative party.

Even with the wind in their backs, the New Democrats would also be hard-pressed to eke out a majority in October.

Win or lose next fall, electoral reform may offer both parties the best alternative to a merger at some point down the line, and — more importantly in the big picture for each of them — their best shot at

preventing the Conservatives from becoming Canada’s de facto governing party.

Trudeau’s democratic reform package may not do much to turn the tide in his favour. Paul Martin and Michael Ignatieff tried and failed to impress voters with measures to fix the so-called democratic deficit in Parliament.

The excitement that electoral reform inspires among voters tends to be inversely proportional to the hype that surrounds the issue within the chattering class.

In the provinces where a plan for a different system was put to voters, the status quo prevailed.

But the expanding common ground between the opposition parties on electoral reform should be cause for concern for the Conservatives.

They would — at least initially — be the losers of a switch to a different electoral system. The division in the opposition vote has long been a key ingredient of their election victories.

In a three-way battle, the current winner-takes-all system favours the Conservatives.

It allowed Brian Mulroney to win a second majority mandate and the 1988 free trade battle.

Under Stephen Harper, a divided opposition vote has become even more essential to Conservative fortunes.

He is about to lead the party in his fourth election campaign as the incumbent with a persistent shortfall in support and precious little room to grow.

In a preferential voting system — where the second and third choices of voters are applied in each riding until a candidate reaches 50 per cent plus one — Harper’s re-election bid would be dead on arrival.

Alternatively, under a mixed proportional system, securing a majority government on a bit more than a third of the votes cast would become a thing of the past.

Coalition building would not come easily to the take-no-prisoner party that Harper has rebuilt in his image.

Should the NDP or the Liberals or a combination of both prevail next fall, they would have a common interest in following up on electoral reform.

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The world’s believers have a moral duty to care for the earth

Pope Francis is donning a Captain Planet image — the environmental superhero taking pollution down (if not to zero).

In his most highly anticipated papal teaching to date, the Pope will today call on the world — not just Catholics like me — to act now to avoid “unprecedented destruction of the ecosystem,” based in part on a moral obligation to care for God’s creation.

It’s a claim that won’t make him any friends among the faithful who either don’t believe in climate change, or don’t buy into such a moral obligation. And for those in the environmental movement, it may seem criminally late in coming.

But Francis is far from the first — and far from alone — in arguing the environmental implications of faith.

The Dalai Lama tweeted this week that we need to “develop a sense of the oneness of humanity” in the face of climate change and global economic woes. More than 300 rabbis have signed a letter arguing for “a world of shared, sustainable abundance — eco-social justice.”

“The concept of stewardship on Earth is a shared belief” of all faiths, an imam with the Islamic Society of North America recently told Time magazine.

At the Forum on Reli-

gion and Ecology at Yale, co-founder John Grim and others have spent two decades retrieving the ecological teaching of the world’s religions — from Hinduism to indigenous faiths — and interpreting them for today.

Grim sees this as a pivotal moment — the first time a pope has been this pointed on the environment. It could even spur an interfaith environmental movement, he mused (despite inevitable pushback from the Jeb Bushes of the world).

Francis chose to be named after Francis of Assisi — known as the patron saint of ecology and revered for his love for nature and animals.

We may deem it radical for the Pope to say, as he does in a leaked draft, that the earth “is protesting for the wrong that we are doing to her, because of the irresponsible use and abuse of the goods that God has placed on her” — but that only shows how leaders and followers alike have ignored teachings inherent in our faith.

“The separation between religion and science has been so strong,” Grim noted.

And it’s well past time that ended.

We — the world’s six billion or so believers — are natural allies of the environmental movement. Time to take Francis’ lead, and act like it.

THE MICROTREND: The trouble with spring break



Spring: the season for birds chirping, flowers blooming and ... teen pregnancy? **A five-year study of 838 pregnant teens** at an Ontario hospital found a “persistent” increase in conceptions every March. March break shenanigans are the obvious culprit, but one of the researchers says teenagers who couple up early in the school year are getting “serious” by spring. Adults, on the other hand, most often get pregnant in December — a testament to the power of egg nog and holiday cheer.

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3 THINGS WE LEARNED ABOUT LOVE FROM AZIZ ANSARI



DATING

'Stud mentality' among guys on Tinder horrifies the comedian

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Fans who have closely followed former Parks and Recreation star Aziz Ansari's stand-up career have surely noticed that the comic has taken a serious turn in recent years. Gone are the cute stories about his cousins and the monologues on basic cable dramas.

Instead, the 32-year-old NYU grad has been focused on deeper questions: What is

love? Is there such thing as a soulmate? And, most important of all, why hasn't he or she texted me back?

Co-written with sociology professor Eric Klinenberg, *Modern Romance* explores all of those questions and more, in an extensively researched journey that took the pair around the world as they assessed different dating profiles and wacky online dating messages. (Note to all of the guys out there, first messages that simply say "Yo" or "Hey" aren't particularly well received.)

We've rounded up the

Aziz Ansari
Modern Romance



top three lessons we learned from Ansari's travels.

Too many choices really are overwhelming

Unlike a crowded bar, "online there are no lonely corners," the comedian writes. "Everywhere is filled with people looking to connect." Despite that, daters everywhere are constantly rejecting people.

The comedian memorably sits down with a twenty-

something named Derek who, he notes, "isn't unattractive... but wouldn't necessarily turn heads at a party." Ansari then watches in horror as Derek swipes no on several attractive, interesting women who had messaged him online. "He didn't strike me as a stud," he adds, "but wow, when you watched him comb through those profiles, he had a stud mentality."

Remember the person on the other end is a person

Because so much of the modern search for romantic partners occurs on our phones, it's easy to forget you are talking to a person with feelings.

Ansari is disturbed by how easy it is to completely dismiss someone—especially now as breaking up via text becomes increasingly more common.

The quality of your dates is more important than the quantity

Back when Ansari was single in New York a few years ago, he had something of a revelation when it came to his single status. He and his friends "were consistently choosing to meet as many people as possible instead of investing in a relationship." Because this method obviously wasn't working for him, he decided to revise his approach to looking for love.

"What I found was that a first date that was a six was usually an eight on a second date," he writes. "I knew the person better and we kept building a good rapport together."

The lesson here? Maybe next time give that nice guy or girl you met online a second chance. It could change the course of your love life.

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It's like Taken, with a twist

FICTION

Literary thriller features search for two missing daughters — but no action heroes

BOOKWORM

Sue Carter



If you're reminded of Liam Neeson's reluctant everyman heroics while reading James Grainger's new novel *Harmless*, that's no accident. Published by McClelland & Stewart, the literary thriller leads readers into familiar cinematic territory before twisting the story into a kneecapping critique of masculinity.

Seven years in the writing, *Harmless* grew out of a short story featuring similar characters from Grainger's earlier work. He kept returning to "a certain generation who are stuck in life. Typical Gen-Xers; very ironic and self-deprecating, living with reduced expectations about income and life in general."

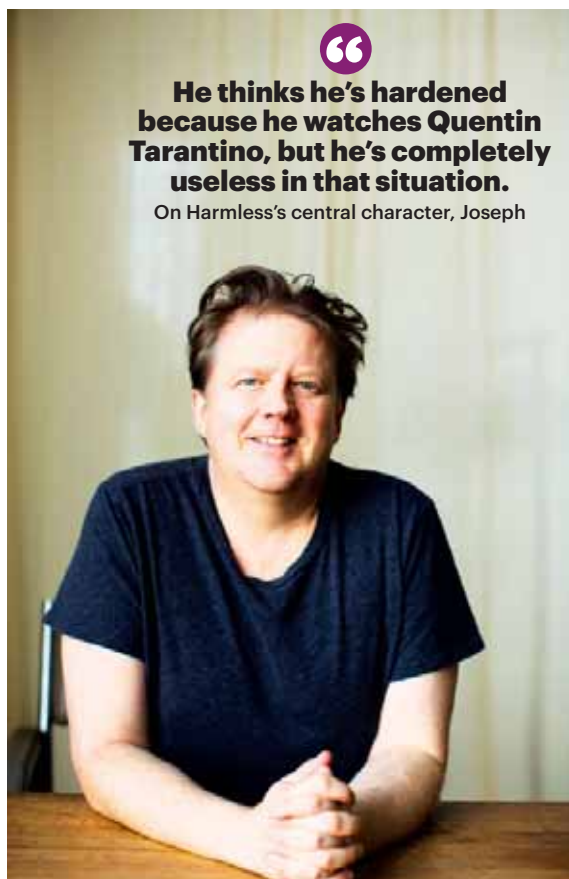
But the Toronto author was tired of writing about people who are all talk — he was ready for his characters to finally take action over their lives. Grainger knew his novel would take place at a reunion of old friends — former party kids, many of whom hadn't completely abandoned their youthful hedonism, despite now being 40-something parents.

So Grainger asked himself, "What would have to happen to these people to unstuck them? It would have to be something really terrible."

The worst thing he could think of? Have their children vanish.

Inspired, Grainger constructed a plot outline, something he had never done before. Set tautly over a day and night, *Harmless* follows Joseph, a self-absorbed divorced arts columnist, who arrives sweating out alcohol for a family weekend away with his teenage daughter, Franny, at a farm owned by his former lover, Jane, and her husband, Alex, whose earthy confidence sets him up as the foil to Joseph's navel-gazing anxiety.

While the adults party — which leads to a major "anvil



James Grainger's new novel centres on 40-something former party kids faced with a tragic situation. HANDOUT

drop" in the story — Franny goes missing along with Alex's daughter, Rebecca, which sets the two men off into the surrounding woods.

"As I was writing, I thought, 'This is what always happens halfway through a thriller or horror movie.' And I realized

"the characters would be thinking that too because they would have seen literally thousands of movies," says Grainger, who employed strict screenwriting "beats" to the plot.

"I thought it would be fun and terrifying to put the main character in the middle of a tragedy and have him realize that he's seen this tragedy in hundreds of movies."

Although the men encounter coyotes, destroy a porn shack

with father-like vengeance, and track down a drug grow-op protected by men hardwired to protect their investment at any cost, Joseph never transforms into an action star.

"In film, there is the promised relief of the terror or tension that the hero is going to discover within his or herself these reserves of morality, which will then translate to physical strength. But if you can't fight, you can't fight," says Grainger.

"We've seen thousands of hours of violence and Joseph hasn't been in a fight since he was like 19. He thinks he's hardened because he watches Quentin Tarantino, but he's completely useless in that situation, as most people would be. I know I would be."



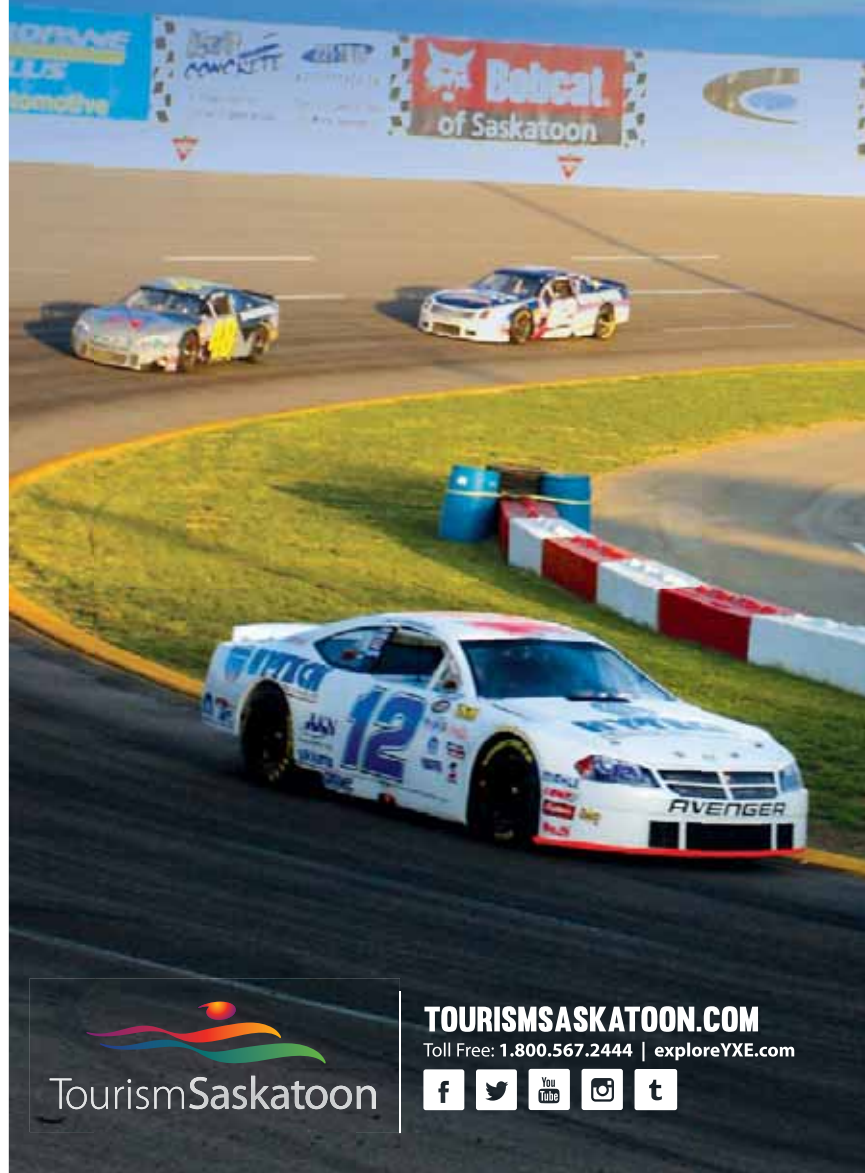
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On Harmless’s central character, Joseph

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Two of the books in the series **OMG Shakespeare**, by Brett Wright and Courtney Carbone. CONTRIBUTED

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OMG SHAKESPEARE

Book series re-tells the classics with Internet lingo

A set of books that convey the classic tales of Shakespeare via emoji-laden texts and social media updates has been drawing a strong response in recent days.

OMG Shakespeare from Random House Books for Young Readers includes two newly released titles — *srsly Hamlet* and *YOLO Juliet* — plus two others due out in early January — *Macbeth #killingit* and *A Midsummer Night #nofilter*.

An excerpt from *srsly Hamlet* reads:

- Ophelia has updated her relationship status from 'In a relationship' to 'It's complicated.'

- Claudius has posted 11 new photos to the album: Here We Go a-Wassailing! — with Queen Gertrude and 10 others.

- Queen Gertrude likes this.

- Hamlet: 'It's almost mid-night. LET'S DO THIS. #FOMO'

The stories, described as "the perfect gift for hip theatre lovers and teens," have been adapted by Courtney Carbone and Brett Wright, both children's book editors.

srsly Hamlet and *YOLO Juliet* are out now in hardcover or ebook form. Look for *Macbeth #killingit* and *A Midsummer Night #nofilter* on Jan. 5. AFP

From class clown to world-renowned

STAND-UP

Judd Apatow reflects on life as a comedian in his new book

The comedy education of Judd Apatow began with unusual access to great comic minds, which he pried for straightforward instruction: How do you tell a joke?

Growing up on Long Island as a comedy nerd before there was such a thing (or many others like him), Apatow managed to land interviews with the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Jay Leno and Steve Allen; most of whom turned up expecting something other than a 15-year-old kid with a high school radio show.

It was a foundational beginning for what became a career that has done a lot to define comedy in the last 20 years — from *The Larry Sanders Show* to *Freaky and Geeks*, *The Cable Guy* and *The 40 Year-Old Virgin*.

In a new book, *Sick in the Head: Conversations About Life and Comedy*, out this week, Apatow, 47, returns to those high-school interviews (he kept the tapes) to publish them, as well as add new, more recent talks with many others (Louis C.K.,



Over 30 years in the making, Judd Apatow's *Sick in the Head* contains a collection of interviews with renowned comedians and comedy writers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jon Stewart, Chris Rock). Proceeds go to Dave Eggers' 826, which provides free tutoring and literacy programs to kids.

The conversations centre on comedy — where it comes from and how it works — but grow into more expansive and intimate reflections on life from some of the sharpest, most thoughtful minds around.

Here are excerpts from a recent Associated Press inter-

view with Apatow:

On working with comedians

For me to sit in a restaurant talking to Steve Martin, it feels very otherworldly. I always wanted to be part of those groups of comedians, like *Second City*. I wasn't able to join *Saturday Night Live* or *Second City*, but in my own way, I was able to create my own groups of funny people that worked together a lot.

On interviewing performers

I'm interested just in how people are surviving and trying to remain relevant as the decades go on. After success, what is the point of doing

this? ... It's such a strange job. You work very hard to be given the opportunity to tell jokes in front of people or make movies. But when you've done it for a while and the newness of it wears off, you are left with just one question: What do I want to say?

On how to tell a joke

It's so funny because you do have to figure out your world view and your attitude...You're always at your funniest when you don't look like you're trying to be a comedian. When you're yourself, it works best. So I try to remember that.

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Did someone say pool party?



The pool at Thompson Toronto Hotel's Rooftop Lounge. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Summer's about to hit full swing. What better way to celebrate the return of sultry weather than with a poolside party? Whether you're attending a swanky barbecue or throwing your own bash, here are some items you'll need.

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3 **Sangria | Our Daily Red**

Our Daily Red 2013 Blend is an organic wine with no detectable sulfites. Stir up this vegan California flavour with chunks of your favourite organic fruit and the requisite sangria ingredients for the perfect poolside punch. (**see local wine shop for pricing, ourdailyred.com**)

4 **Slip-ons | Free People's Idlewild braided leather footbed**

Slides are all the rage this summer and will complement your manicured toes. You could get away with a basic pair from Chinatown, but we suggest Free People's Idlewild Footbed.

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2 **Gift/ Serving dish | Vegetabowls**

Fruit and salads are far from boring when served in New York state's Vegetabowls, with inner and outer moulds cast directly from actual produce. The designs will have your friends coming back for seconds, or just to feel the realistic outer skin. (**\$28-\$70, vegetabowls.com**)

5 **Bathing Suit | Ted Baker Primie**

Step aside, bikinis—the one-piece is back and better than ever. Ted Baker's Primie palm floral print is super flattering with removable straps and moulded cups that offer curve-enhancing support for your silhouette. This number will have you feeling like you're escaping to the tropics ... even if you're really just at the neighbour's pool next door. (**\$140, tedbaker.com**)



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Beastie Boys win legal fees



Adam Yauch, who died in 2012, is shown performing with Mike Diamond and Adam Horowitz in 2004. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES FILE

LICENSING

Monster is on the line to cover costs after losing lawsuit

The maker of the Monster Energy drink must pay \$668,000 of the Beastie Boys' legal fees after the rappers chose to win at all costs in their copyright violation trial, a decision that resulted in a \$1.7 million jury verdict in their favour, a judge says.

U.S. District Judge Paul Engelmayer wrote in a ruling Monday that his review of the band's legal bills suggests

that the "Beastie Boys opted to pay for, and received, the Cadillac Escalade, not the Honda Civic" of legal representation.

He said his attorney fee award fell short of the \$2.4 million sought from Monster, but was still enough for the band to come out ahead by more than \$532,000 above its reasonable costs.

Last June, the Beastie Boys won their verdict from a federal jury weighing the value of five songs used by Monster without authorization in a video.

Engelmayer wrote that the lawsuit brought by two surviving Beastie Boys and the wife of deceased band member Adam "M C A" Yauch resulted in a hard-fought legal match.

Yauch resulted in a hard-fought legal match.

"Monster's commercial exploitation of the band's music and songs, and what the Beastie Boys perceived as Monster's crass misappropriation of the name of the recently deceased Yauch in its video promoting its energy drinks, appeared to have deeply offended plaintiffs."

Yauch died of cancer in May 2012 at age 47. The judge said Beastie Boys' band members Adam Horowitz and Michael Diamond approached the case "with special zeal," testifying that as a matter of principle they have not licensed their music for product advertisements and would have turned down Monster if it had asked for permission.

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DATE NIGHT

Harry Styles and yet another model

IN HOLLYWOOD

Ned Ehrbar

Ah, to be young, rich, famous and affably floppy-haired. Must be nice. Though Harry Styles spent much of the first half of this year romantically linked —by anonymous sources, at least —to Victoria's Secret model Nadine Leopold, he's

apparently now more interested in one of her colleagues. Fellow model Sara Sampaio (pictured) joined Styles for a dinner date in New York recently that allegedly turned into a slumber party. "She came over to his hotel. They grabbed dinner. Hugged and kissed goodbye," a remarkably Hemingway-esque source tells E! News.

"Then she came back and slept over. She left at 11 a.m. in the same clothes." Maybe she just really, really liked that outfit?



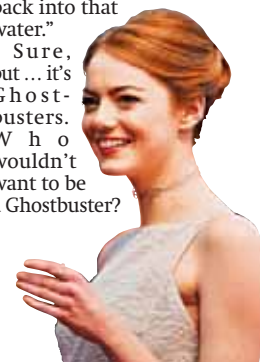
GHOSTBUSTERS

Who you gonna call? Not Emma

Emma Stone confesses to WSJ Magazine that she passed up the chance to be on the new all-female Ghostbusters team led by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy. Excuse me?

"The script was really funny. It just didn't feel like the right time for me. A franchise is a big commitment — it's a whole thing," she says. "I think maybe I need a minute before I dive back into that water."

Sure, but ... it's Ghostbusters. Who wouldn't want to be a Ghostbuster?



JAMES BOND

All bets appear to be on Damian Lewis

Man, Daniel Craig must be getting tired of everyone always talking about when he's going to be done with playing James Bond.

First there was all that Idris Elba talk, now this: A British bookmaker says the best odds at the moment are on Homeland star Damian Lewis being tapped as the next 007, according to the Telegraph.

"Bets have been placed on him succeeding Daniel Craig. This is an unprecedented gamble, as for no apparent reason we have seen bets up to £200 on Damian Lewis being named as the next James Bond. This might well be significant," William Hill tells the newspaper.

"Damian Lewis hadn't seen interest in the betting until this weekend, but an absolute landslide in bets has



Damian Lewis

forced us to cut the odds." Sure, but if he gets the part does that mean all the films will be about whether or not we can really trust him?

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What they're asking



Semi-detached, single-attached, half-duplex, side-by-side — two homes joined by a wall down the middle are known by different names across Canada. Here's a look at three-bedroom, resale semis that make great starter homes. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



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Calgary

This home is in the desirable West Hillhurst neighbourhood at 2306 Westmount Rd., N.W. It's a fine example of an inner-city, semi-detached Calgary home, says listing agent Tim Lind. Loaded with unique features and finishes, the open main floor offers a great room, a huge kitchen, dining area and a family room with access to the deck. The master retreat showcases vaulted ceilings, a five-piece ensuite and access to a second-storey sun deck. The home is within walking distance to downtown, schools, shopping, restaurants and transit. Lind is an associate with Re/Max Mountain View, 403-333-0837.



\$1,448,000

Vancouver

Here's a high-quality house in Central Lonsdale, North Vancouver's hot spot, with new stores and restaurants, quaint coffee shops and other amenities within walking distance. The home offers a spacious, open floor plan, with soaring ceilings, a large kitchen, and a family room that opens out to a deck and fenced private yard. A school is around the corner, as well as parks and playgrounds. Listing agents Paula Vendargon (604-626-1649) and Colin Vendargon (604-984-9711) are associates with Royal LePage Sussex Real Estate.



\$599,000

Toronto

This west-end home boasts many upgrades, such as a custom-designed kitchen with granite countertops, hardwood floors and crown moldings. There's also two new bathrooms, a new gas furnace, thermal windows, a stainless-steel fridge, stove, built-in dishwasher, finished basement with in-law suite with a separate entrance, laundry room and double-car garage. The house is close to transit, schools and parks. John Marques is a salesperson with Re/Max Ultimate Realty Brokerage, 416-656-3500.



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Halifax

This well-maintained house north of downtown Halifax that has been built by a reputable developer features bright, open rooms, a spacious eat-in kitchen, large deck and backyard. There are hardwood floors in the living and dining rooms, a powder room on the main level, and the master bedroom has a three-piece ensuite. The lower level has a rec room, laundry, and a garage with a small work area. The driveway has room for two cars. Listing agent is Sandy Rutledge from Domus Realty, 902-497-5500.



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Winnipeg

Here's a bright and sunny two-storey home on a quiet street. The pie-shaped lot offers a large, fenced-in backyard with access to a rear pathway and a large storage shed. In a convenient location for getting around the city, the house includes a fridge, stove, dishwasher, washer and dryer, and a finished basement with a rec room. Listing agent Blair Holm says the house has been well maintained by current and previous owners. Holm is an associate with Sutton Group Kilkenny Real Estate, 204-475-9130.



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Edmonton

Here's a turnkey, move-in ready home in a family-oriented community. It's on a quiet street next to walking trails and with close access to schools, shopping, and the Meadows Recreation Centre. The house features many upgrades, include new carpet, wide laminate flooring, new blinds throughout, granite countertops, and a new upstairs bathroom. There's a south-facing backyard with a deck and a double garage. Beverley Hasinoff is a sales representative with Liv Real Estate, 780-619-0812.

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WAYS TO CREATE A BEACHY HOME

Interior designer Anna Örnberg shares her know-how in her new book, *The Nautical Home: Coastline-Inspired Ideas to Decorate with Seaside Spirit*. Even the smallest apartments can invoke a maritime aesthetic thanks to Örnberg's DIY projects. Here are five that ditch the city for the sea. **ASIA EWARD** FOR METRO IN NEW YORK



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Sand a mirror frame with sandpaper and wipe it down with de-natured alcohol. Bind the edges of hawser rope with twine and glue it to the frame. Nail in some brads to secure the rope. Attach hemp rope on sides to finish it off.



2 Tie one on

For inexpensive curtains, take a burlap weave, soak it in a tub of water, and leave it in a pile to dry for that wrinkled effect. To complete the look, use hawser rope as a tieback.



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3 Experience the seven seas

To dress up a dresser in sea charts, clean it and sand it with sandpaper. Next, paint the dresser with primer. For parts not covered in charts, add two coats of interior paint. Cut the appropriate-sized pieces of chart, apply wallpaper paste and stick the pieces firmly and flatly on the dresser. Dry for 24 hours and apply clear, non-yellowing, water-based varnish.

4 A light touch

Örnberg uses large shells to hold candles and act as beachy lanterns. Place the shell lanterns together in a dish covered in sand. Wedging the "lanterns" deep in the sand will keep them upright until they burn out.



5 Shell showcase

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OUTDOORS

Smarter gardening saves time, work

Too many plants, too little time? A lot of unnecessary effort can be weeded out with some time- and energy-saving shortcuts, from plant selection to better tools.

"I realized one day that I was becoming a slave to my plants," said Kerry Ann Mendez of Kennebunk, Maine, author of *The Right-Size Flower Garden*. "I was working harder for them than they were working for me. So I re-evaluated and started being more responsible about the plants I was putting into my garden."

Mendez said she made some hard decisions.

"I had some hydrangeas that had been constant bloomers but they were water hogs," she said. "I'm using different hydrangeas now that require less than half the amount of water the old ones did."

As for annuals, she found varieties that don't need dead-heading, consume less water and thrive in the shade.

Plants are not your children or pets, she said. "If they're not performing up to your standards — if they take too much time and effort — don't make



Mulch that is low maintenance, saves moisture and smothers weeds surrounds a downsized lawn in Langley, Wash.

DEAN FOSDICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

any excuses for them. Tear them out. Take them away."

Here are ways to garden smarter:

- Use native plants. With natives, you don't need to water and there's no fertilizing,

Mendez said. Little or no hand-holding is required, and they're important for bio needs, like attracting pollinators.

- Mulch. "People are doing more with mulch," Mendez said, "especially multi-purpos-

ing, nutrient-rich mulches that can energize plants while reducing water evaporation from the soil. Ground covers also help by discouraging weeds and providing a tapestry of foliage and flowers."

- Plant shrubs and ornamental trees. "Woody plants require much less maintenance than perennials," Mendez said.

- Downsize. "Eliminate some of that mowing and weeding," said Brooke Edmunds, an Ore-

gon State University extension horticulturist. "Plant using lawn mixes that work even if they're not as frequently mowed. Use perennials more than annuals."

- Emphasize safety. "Avoid acute and chronic repetitive strain injuries," said Anne Lindsay, an associate professor and exercise physiologist with University of Nevada-Reno Cooperative Extension. If it's the end of the day and there's just one tree left to prune, don't feel compelled to do it. "Your body is tired but you want to finish it," said Lindsay. "That's when injuries happen, or the repetitive strain."

- Choose better tools. "Bring your raised beds up to a comfortable working height," Lindsay said. "Get tools with larger handles that discourage strong gripping and ease pain."

Less effort can deliver more results with simplified but thoughtful yard work, Mendez said.

"I've done a lot of rethinking about how to garden," she said. "I'm getting beautiful colour with less work, and I feel better about it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Set down roots in Mahogany

The southeast community of Mahogany has quickly become one of the city's most sought after addresses, and with good cause.

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While it's no surprise that people are scrambling to set down roots in a place that seems to have it all, it may surprise some middle income Calgarians that they, too, can have their very own place by the lake. City-owned non-profit Attainable Homes



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has again partnered with Truman Homes to launch 51 Oak, a new condo development in Mahogany that's tailor-made for a growing Calgary demographic. The latest in a line of successful development ventures between Attainable and Truman, 51 Oak is designed

to provide Calgary's moderate-income sector with the best of both worlds — well-appointed homes that don't break the bank.

"Simply put, we're in the business of putting good people into great homes," says Tara Cooney, sales and marketing manager

for Attainable Homes. "We offer homes that are both beautiful and ultra-affordable. We arrange one-on-one meetings with mortgage specialists. We even provide the down payment via our shared equity business model."

For more than five years, this non-profit has provided unique ownership opportunities for Calgarians caught between pricey rentals and ever-climbing home prices. Its ongoing alliance with Truman Homes results in a consistent outcome — homes that are exceptional, attainable, and located in spectacular communities like Mahogany.

"The best part of working with a builder like Truman is that you always know what you're going to get, and 51 Oak is no exception," Cooney says.

"Granite counters throughout, stainless appliance package, built-in pantry storage, you name it. It even has its own 6,000-square-foot childcare facility."

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BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

You know a home is good when locals actually want to live there.

Park Point is a new collection of well-appointed homes at 310 12th Ave. S.W. across from Central Memorial Park in the heart of the Beltline community.

"Some buildings were just designed to attract investors," says Parham Mahboubi, vice-president of planning and marketing for Qualex-Landmark™, the developer of Park Point. "Not so at Park Point. Calgarians are buying here because they see it as the best possible place in the city to live, work and play."

The majority of buyers at the 34-storey highrise condominium are end users, he says, a rare occurrence in downtown's new condo communities.

What sets Park Point apart and makes it so appealing for end users? The homes themselves have been a critical draw, Mahboubi says.

"When our buyers enter the discovery centre, they can tell right away that these homes have that extra level of thoughtful planning. The premium finishes have a timeless nature to them, making it very attractive to homebuyers seeking urban living and a solid long-term investment."

The well-thought-out floor plans create a home that feels large and efficient.

"End users can see how much heart and soul we've invested in Park Point and how much we care," Mahboubi says. "We put together and managed a team of top talent — from internal staff and company principals to expert designers and consultants — to make this the high-quality project it is."

Now the dream they built together can become a reality for Calgarians.

The development features 289 homes with



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28 different floor plans to choose from, including one- and two-bedroom condos with dens or flex spaces, street-level live-work townhomes, and a limited selection of sub-penthouse and penthouse condos.

Prices range from the \$250,000s for one bedrooms, the \$480,000s for two bedrooms, and the \$680,000s for live-work townhomes.

"Our keys to success are our extensive

experience with residential towers and our meticulous attention to detail," Mahboubi says. "We keep our promise to the home-buyer to provide a home that outdoes their expectations."

The Park Point discovery centre is located on-site and open daily from noon to 5 p.m. (closed on Fridays).

For more information, please visit qualex.ca/parkpoint.

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For the past 10 years, the Qualex-Landmark group has built more concrete highrises in Calgary than any other development group. Park Point is the newest addition to its portfolio in Calgary's Beltline community. Previous tower projects in the neighbourhood include Stella, Nova, Luna, Calla and Mark on 10th.

True to the Qualex-Landmark group's brand and reputation, every element of the Park Point development has been considered extra carefully, with enduring quality and dynamic lifestyle driving the planning, design, construction and finishing.

An exceptional team of designers, engineers and construction professionals has been selected to enhance the value of this new Calgary landmark.

"Park Point is the result of years of experience coming together to create an exceptional collection of homes," Mahboubi says.

Park Point in a class of its own

One feature that differentiates Park Point from the residential condo towers in its class is its neighbourhood.

"With Central Memorial Park just across the street, we've got a really special location," says Parham Mahboubi, vice-president of planning and marketing for Qualex-Landmark™, the developer of Park Point. "It's Calgary's oldest park and one of the most beautiful landmarks in the city. The park site is also the location of the Memorial Park Library, Alberta's oldest library."

Buyers will appreciate the incredible walkability from their condos — the development has an enviably high walk score of 96, and is considered a walker's paradise. Residents will live within a few blocks walking distance to the downtown core business district.

"The Beltline community is second to



none in terms of accessibility," Mahboubi says. "We selected Park Point's location very carefully for residents who are looking for a care-free urban lifestyle and walking distance to work in downtown Calgary, close to everything they're going to need and want."

Gourmet food, places to meet friends, cafés, parks to stroll through, shops to browse — the Beltline has it all.

Residents and their guests will enjoy the fresh, seasonal fare at Boxwood Café in Cen-

tral Memorial Park. The acclaimed restaurant has a whole, free-range rotisserie chicken dinner to go, perfect for your next picnic in the park.

Taste, a neighbourhood kitchen and lounge, is the perfect spot for creative taster plates to share, and local craft beer.

Shoe mecca Gravity Pope offers a carefully chosen selection of funky, hard-to-find brands. It's one of the many eclectic shops steps away on 17th Avenue.

The necessities are nearby, too, including



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grocery shopping, services and recreation.

Public transit, walkways and bikeways are eminently accessible, too. When residents need to travel, Park Point is the perfect jumping off point to local paths, bike routes, transit, Car2Go and the nearby Plus15 Skywalk, which conveniently takes you to any destination downtown.

"Park Point offers end users great options for living in a very centralized location close to all amenities, and our buyers are recognizing that," Mahboubi says.

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Three generations burn rubber across two continents

A FAMILY THAT RIDES TOGETHER

The trip of a lifetime from Toronto to Brazil on bikes

Jaclyn Tersigni
For Metro

Metro Kopansky has ridden motorcycles for 71 years.

In 1946, he rode his Indian bike from Selkirk, Man., to begin anew in Toronto. He used to race on dirt flat tracks, until a crash in 1959 took him out. He once rode on the "wall of death" — a wooden cylinder, where audiences watch riders perform on a vertical wall — in a travelling circus.

"I bought my first motorcycle when I was just turning 16," he said.

More recently, the 86-year-old rode his Goldwing motorbike from his Bancroft, Ont.-area home to British Columbia and back — solo. But no trip compares to the one he took last year.

With his son and two grandsons in tow, Metro rode all the way to South America.

"I told my wife, 'I'm going to Brazil on my bike.' She said 'You're crazy.' I said 'I know.'"

Metro, Mike, Matthew and Mitchell — three generations of Kopansky men, ranging in age from 23 to 86 — crossed 15 countries and two continents by motorcycle, on a 45-day adventure from Toronto to São Lourenço, Brazil.

"My friends told me I'd never live through Mexico, that we'd get killed before we got through," Metro said.

"Everyone said we were crazy; we weren't going to make it," added Mike, 53.

There was the question of age (Metro was 85 at the time). There was also the question of experience; the youngest Kopansky hadn't clocked much road time.

"I had done some riding at the cottage on a dirt bike," said Matthew, 25. "For a family reunion, we drove to Winnipeg. That was the first time I drove a bike on the street ... the second time was when I went to Brazil."

The timing worked well for all. Metro is retired. Matthew had graduated from university; Mitchell took a semester off. Mike, a senior manager at Miller Waste Systems in Markham, Ont., had been approved for six



The Kopansky men pictured during their motorcycle trip. CONTRIBUTED

weeks vacation.

On Feb. 3, 2014, with four inches of snow on the ground, the group set off.

There were early snags: Metro couldn't find his passport, buried in his things, at the U.S. border. "I looked at the (officer) with

my sad eyes and said 'I'm an old man,'" Metro said.

There was an unlikely snowstorm in Alabama, a bout of

pneumonia for Metro, and a spill on a Mexican highway by Matthew.

"You're riding over 18,000 kilometres. Stuff is going to happen," Mike said.

"I think the whole trip was glorious because every day was different," Metro added.

He recalls a moment in Texas, when Matthew debated going home. "I said 'Matthew, you get one chance in your lifetime.'"

The ride continued, through Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, and Argentina. They updated friends, family and followers on a Facebook page they created called, aptly, "2 Continents, 3 Generations." They made one-day and two-day-long stops — snorkelling in Belize, exploring ruins in Guatemala — but otherwise covered anywhere from 200 to 900 kilometres daily.

There are a novel's worth of stories — including friendly Mexican police escorts, an encounter with a Polish man riding his bicycle around the world, and Metro occasionally taking off solo.

The trip concluded March 20, 2014, when they arrived in São Lourenço, Brazil.

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Father's Day from far away

When Meghan Allen wishes her dad, Bruce, a happy father's day, it will likely be via Skype or Face-time. The 20-year-old student at Laurier University has been on an exchange in Wales since January. And her father couldn't be more pleased.

"We live in a big world and it's important for kids that age to really get to understand other cultures," says the Toronto father of four, "and to spend time exploring and adventuring in different parts of the world."

Plus, as Bruce points out, Meghan isn't exactly on her own. "At Laurier, she lives in a house with five other girls, four of whom are very close," he said. "They were looking at options and they all decided they would go on an exchange for this term. She surrounds herself with people that she's confident will have an eye out for her and she reciprocates."

Having this kind of away-from-home experience, Bruce says, helps young adults to grow and mature. And supporting Meghan's decision is very much in keeping with Bruce's approach to parenting.

"My personal opinion is that with parents of this generation,



Bruce and Meghan Allen. CONTRIBUTED

the kids have been coddled way too much," says Bruce. "They need to learn to be independent, they need to make decisions on their own and they need to work through tough situations on their own."

And Meghan has faced a few tough situations. "She has travelled all through Europe and has hit some logistical issues," Bruce said. "She was in Paris and she needed to be in Milan to catch a flight to get to Budapest. The trains in Paris went on strike and she had to get to Milan within 36 hours and she had no way to get there." But Meghan did manage to catch her flight. "She had to work through that stuff on her own — which was great," says Bruce. "She was very resourceful and found a solution and was able to get there, so I think all of those things are really good for her."

Meghan's resourcefulness

doesn't surprise her dad, who says his third child has always had a fierce independent streak. "One day when she was three, my wife was grocery shopping and I had to go have a shower, and I said to her six-year-old brother, keep an eye on your sister while I shower," Bruce recalls. "I get out of the shower to the door bell ringing. There's this perfect stranger with my daughter — who'd decided to go find mommy at the grocery store."

What he does worry about is all the adventure taking the focus off the academics. "I didn't know if it was going to be a good learning experience from an academic view point," he admits, "but for me, personally, I thought the maturing that she would do and the learning she would have about herself would offset whatever she wasn't getting from an academic standpoint."

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Janine Falcon
For Metro

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Blue Jays tee off on Mets

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Pillar, Valencia lead birds in rout of N.L. East leaders

Danny Valencia hit a three-run homer and Kevin Pillar had a solo shot as the Toronto Blue Jays kicked off a five-game homestand Wednesday night by dumping the New York Mets 8-0.

Pillar had three of Toronto's 10 hits as the Blue Jays (35-32) ended a two-game mini-skid in front of 28,906 fans on a cool, comfortable spring evening at Rogers Centre.

WEDNESDAY In Toronto

8 **0**
BLUE JAYS METS

Drew Hutchison (6-1) worked 5-2/3 innings for the victory. Steve Delabar, Liam Hendriks, Aaron Loup and Ryan Tepera completed the six-hit shutout.

The Blue Jays, who entered play two games behind first-place Tampa Bay in the American League East, have won 12 of their last 14 games. The loss ended a three-game winning streak for the N.L. East-leading Mets.

New York (36-31) beat the Blue Jays in the first two games of the home-and-home series at Citi Field. The interleague set will wrap up Thursday night.



Blue Jays centre-fielder Kevin Pillar, right, celebrates with teammate Justin Smoak after defeating the Mets in Toronto on Wednesday night. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hutchison was helped by some stellar defence from Ryan Goins in the early going. The Blue Jays second baseman made a nice diving snag to rob Lucas Duda of a hit and caught a Michael Cuddyer liner for the third out.

In the second inning, Pillar drove in Chris Colabello with a single to plate the game's first

run. Colabello had reached on a walk by Mets starter Jon Niese (3-7).

Pillar and Valencia tried a delayed double steal with two outs and runners on the corners, but the Mets didn't bite and Valencia was tagged out in a rundown on the third-base line.

The Mets put two runners on in the third after a Curtis

Granderson ground-rule double and Juan Lagares walk. Hutchison fanned Duda to keep New York off the scoresheet.

The Blue Jays right-hander was pulled in the sixth after giving up a two-out double to Cuddyer. He allowed four hits and a walk while striking out five.

Josh Donaldson led off the

bottom of the frame with a double and scored when Colabello stroked a single up the middle. Pillar made it a 3-0 game in the seventh inning with his fifth homer of the season.

Toronto tacked on five runs in the eighth off reliever Akeel Morris. Valencia capped it with his third home run of the season.

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IN BRIEF

Cards lawyer says execs not involved in hacking

An attorney for the St. Louis Cardinals says executives of the team were not involved in the hacking of the Houston Astros' player personnel database.

The Cardinals hired the Dowd Bennett firm to handle an internal inquiry several months before this week's disclosure that the FBI is investigating whether the team hacked into the Astros computer system.

Jim Martin, an attorney for the firm, tells The Associated Press he is "100 per cent confident" the case does not involve people like Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak and Chairman Bill DeWitt.

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Champs touch back down in Golden State

The Golden State Warriors are back in the Bay Area as NBA champions for the first time in 40 years.

With more than 100 team employees in yellow and blue shirts cheering them outside a private terminal, the Warriors were welcomed back to Oakland on Wednesday with the Larry O'Brien Trophy in hand. The team spent Tuesday night in Cleveland after beating LeBron James and the Cavaliers 105-97 in the Game 6 clincher.

Regular-season MVP Stephen Curry came off the plane first, lifting the gold title trophy.

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canada to face Switzerland in knockout phase



Colombia's Tatiana Ariza, left, and England's Fara Williams vie for the ball on Wednesday in Montreal. England won 2-1. PAUL CHIASSEON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada will have to get past Switzerland in the round of 16 at the Women's World Cup, in the process ending a 10-game winless streak against European opposition at the soccer showcase.

The Canadians came into the tournament having lost all nine previous World Cup meetings with teams from Europe. On the plus side it tied the Netherlands 1-1 in its final round-robin game in Montreal, conceding the tying goal in the 87th minute.

Canada, which finished atop Group A, will face the Swiss,

ROUNDUP

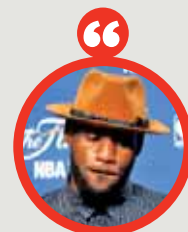
Marie Delie scored off a header 34 seconds in and France routed Mexico 5-0 to win Group F. Also Wednesday, England beat Colombia 2-1, Brazil got by Costa Rica 1-0 and South Korea defeated Spain 2-1.

third in Group C, on Sunday at B.C. Place Stadium. The winner will meet No. 6 England or No. 11 Norway in the quarter-finals.

The Swiss (1-2-0) are ranked 19th in the world, compared to No. 8 for Canada (1-0-2).

No. 7 Brazil faces No. 10 Australia and No. 4 Japan meets the 12th-ranked Netherlands in the other round-of-16 knockout games on Canada's side of the draw.

On the other — tougher — side of the draw, it's No. 16 China versus No. 53 Cameroon, the second-ranked U.S. versus No. 28 Colombia, No. 1 Germany versus No. 5 Sweden, and No. 3 France versus No. 18 South Korea. THE CANADIAN PRESS



If I could have gave more, I would have done it, but I gave everything I had.

LeBron James after Tuesday night's loss in Cleveland. James finished with 32 points, 18 rebounds and nine assists in Game 6.

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- 1 cup sliced sweet red peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup diced dried apricots
- 1/3 cup light coconut milk
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh coriander

- 2 tsp fish or oyster sauce
- 2 tsp packed brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup hot pepper sauce

Directions

1. In a large bowl, stir together cabbages, snow peas, red peppers, green onions, cranberries and apricots.

2. In a small bowl, whisk together coconut milk, coriander, fish sauce, brown sugar, lemon juice, garlic, ginger, and hot pepper sauce. Pour over cabbage mixture; toss to coat.

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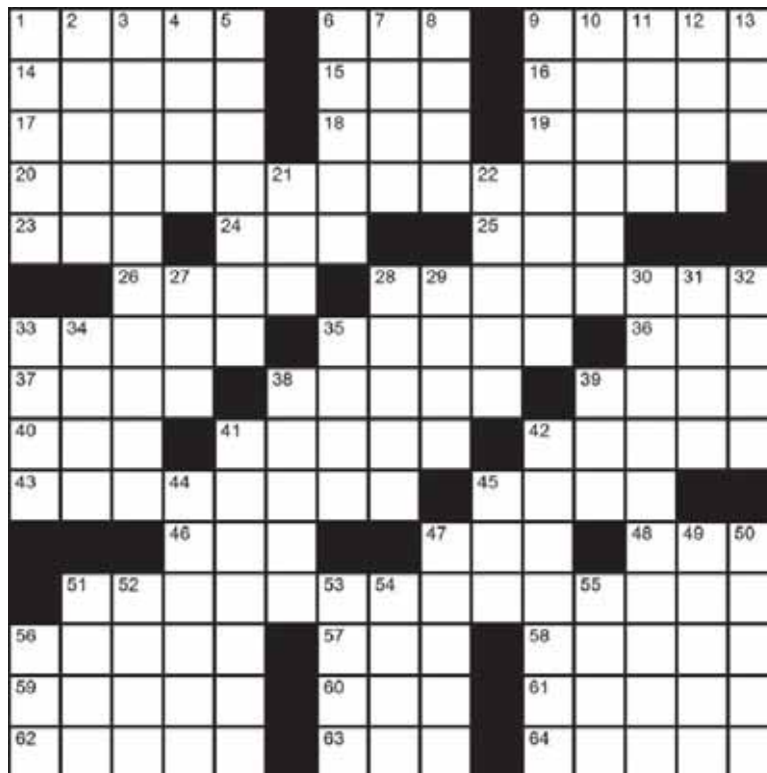
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9. Permitted in law
14. Sainte-___, Quebec
15. James or Hudson
16. "Bust ___" by Young MC
17. They form rooms
18. Disposed
19. Up an auction offer
20. Survive as a prepper would: 4 wds.
23. Mister, in India
24. Illuminated
25. Cartoonist Mr. Smythe
26. Church area
28. Since-1859 village in the Cariboo Mountains area of British Columbia
33. Pool buildup
35. Face, as an embankment
36. Mr. Marvin of films
37. Baltic country, for short
38. Dominated
39. Volcanic flow
40. Horoscope sign
41. Drive
42. Orbital point
43. Liquid dish soap brand
45. Fit
46. Keats specialty
47. Lady's pro-



- noun
48. Can. leaders
51. Burton Cummings song: 5 wds.
56. Highway crossing animal
57. ___-hat
58. Neutral paint colour

59. Does some gardening
60. And not
61. "There is a house ___ Orleans / They call the Rising Sun..."
62. Hagar the Horrible's dog
63. Ms. Leoni

64. Shelters for pigeons

DOWN

1. Has a really good cry
2. Irish tune: "Robin ___"
3. Saskatchewan town dubbed

- 'Canada's Hockey Factory'
4. Australian model Ms. Macpherson
5. Settle a dispute
6. Rearward, on the ocean
7. Captivated
8. Ancient tale

9. Most big
10. Surface
11. Desert in Mongolia
12. Enthusiastic
13. Headed
21. Giant's cry!
22. Miscalculated
27. "Fan-tast-ic!"
28. Bound-to-the-land person of ancient Sparta
29. Ended
30. Canadian police series of 2008 to 2012
31. Matthew the Apostle
32. 'For' votes
33. '___ fair in love and war'
34. In ___ of (Replacing)
35. Baseball legend Babe
38. Vancouver-born actor Seth
39. CD predecessors
41. Region of The States
42. Like a class workout in a gym
44. Not as tight
45. Fulfilled
47. Multi-headed beast of myth
49. "Me and Bobby ___" by Janis Joplin
50. Distorts
51. Groan
52. Oxen harness
53. Will antonym
54. Succulent plant
55. City in Nevada
56. "___, Doubt-fire" (1993)

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Information that could be worth a lot of money will come your way today. You may be tempted to pass on what you learn to your friends but if you are smart you will keep it to yourself. Knowledge is power — and profit too.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
In just a few days your view of the world will change for the better and your current negative attitude will fade away. Focus on the many good things in your life rather than the few things that have gone wrong.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Recent cosmic activity has tested you to the limit and because you've been on the go from morning to night you may now be exhausted. If so, take the next few days off. The universe can go on without you for a bit.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Look back over the previous year and decide which of your ambitions to leave in the past and which you can take with you into the future. Dream, but be ruthlessly realistic as well.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Make the most of the good things that happen today and tomorrow because over the weekend the atmosphere will change and you may not be quite so happy. A time for thinking rather than doing is approaching.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What is most important in your life? The money you make? The status you enjoy? Those things may be important in the short-term but over the course of a lifetime it's the love you give that makes all the difference. What will you give today?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The sun's stay in the adventurous area of your chart ends at the weekend, so make the next few days a time of discovery. Not that you won't be able to discover things after but you will have responsibilities to deal with.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may not like what you have to do now but the sooner you get it done the sooner you can move on. The sun's entry into your fellow water sign of Cancer on Sunday marks a turning point in your fortunes.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try not to take it personally if people do not agree with your point of view. If they get the impression you're thin-skinned they will focus on it. Be bold in your own beliefs and accepting of alternative points of view.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have covered a lot of ground in recent weeks and you will cover a lot more in the months to come. For best results though you need to stop being such a loner and join with those who share your interests.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
So many good things have happened of late that you may believe you'll be lucky forever. Know from past experience that is unlikely to be true. Life moves in cycles, so enjoy the highs but look out for the next low.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Act decisively today. Make sure that what has been started finally gets finished. Problems of a purely personal nature have taken up too much of your time and energy in recent weeks, so resolve them and move on.

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